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9 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 9 February 1968

DD/I reported that [] is in place in the Pentagon with General Wood's study group on overseas bases.

Godfrey noted there are indications that the B-52 sorties are having an impact on the North Vietnamese in the Khe Sanh area.

Godfrey drew attention to [] reports indicating the imminence of new attacks on Saigon both from the east and west.

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Godfrey reported that the Arab-Israeli handbook has been completed.

Carver noted that various policy-makers have spoken highly of the Saigon Station's performance during the recent crisis.

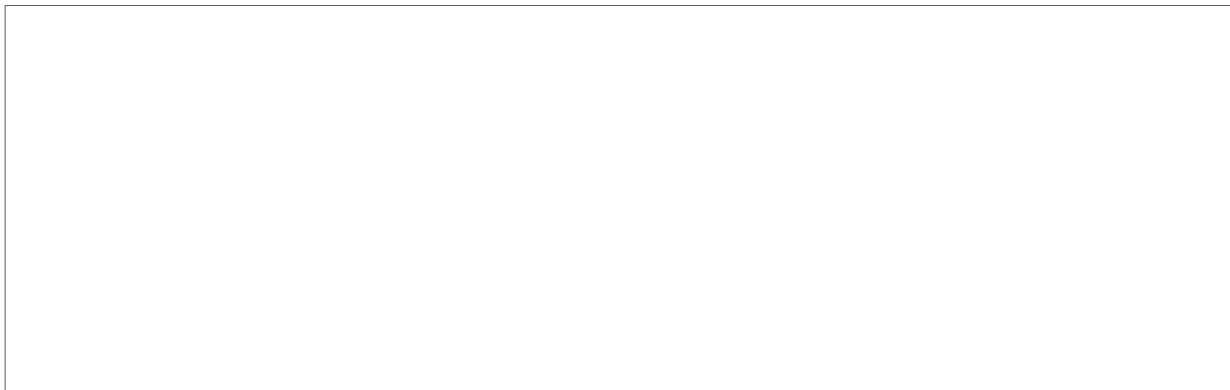
Warner reported that Senators Milton Young and Ernest Hollings received briefings yesterday.

Bross drew attention to the forthcoming PFIAB agenda and noted that the technique of joint briefings of the Board has been introduced. He noted three agenda items which would involve CIA in briefings conducted jointly with DIA or State, or with both on the subject "The Soviet Presence in the Middle East." The Director asked that, at least in the latter case, Bross attempt to arrange for CIA to present the briefing with State and Defense standing by to answer questions. (See Action 1)

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Bross advised of the items which PFIAB has asked the Director to discuss, which include the identification of weaknesses and gaps in U. S. intelligence support of the military effort in Vietnam, recommendations on ultimate disposition of the OXCART fleet, and views on the effects of the confrontation policy on the defector program.

DD/S&T reported that an OXCART flight is scheduled for Vietnam today.



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The Director announced that Gordon Stewart will be appointed Inspector General on the retirement of Jack Earman.

The Director noted that Patrick Seale, who ghosted Mrs. Philby's book, is in this country gathering material for his own book on Philby. The Director asked that he be kept posted on any indications that Seale is attempting to elicit information from current Agency employees or alumni.

ACTIONS:

1. The Director asked the DD/I to provide him by next Monday the names of the CIA briefers who will appear before PFIAB. (DD/I by 12 February.)

2. The Director requested the DD/I to prepare a mock-up of Khe Sanh troop dispositions.



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